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(g) The Act (I of 1925) does not apply to Jain Religious Endowments. There appears to be no necessity to appoint a Jain as Commissioner.

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—" May I ask the hon. the Minister, with reference to clause (b), if it is open to the members of the Religious Endowments Board to inspect temples on their own motion ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Yes ; I think so. "

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—" Do not the commissioners draw travelling allowance ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Yes ; they draw travelling allowance when they go on tour. "

Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO :—" With reference to answer to clause (g), viz., ' there appears to be no necessity to appoint a Jain as Commissioner ' , does the hon. the Minister know that a number of Hindu temples in South Kanara are controlled by Jains ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Yes ; there are such temples. "

Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO :—" Is there no necessity to appoint a Jain as Commissioner ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" There is no necessity to appoint a Jain as Commissioner. "

Village Panchayats.

Employment of non-depressed classes sweepers in Narayanavaram.

* 111 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government are aware that the Registrar-General of Panchayats objected to the village panchayat of Narayanavaram employing non-depressed classes sweepers for the three Brahman streets at the extra cost of the tax-payers ?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Depressed classes sweepers in Narayanavaram.

* 112 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the members of the depressed classes (scavenging classes) are now being prevented from sweeping the public Brahman streets by the Brahman residents of Narayanavaram, Chittoor district ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the members of the depressed classes (scavenging classes) were sweeping the Brahman streets in Narayanavaram, for the past six years without any obstruction whatever from the Brahman residents of Narayanavaram ;

(c) whether after the Government Order, dated 25th August 1924, passed by the Government throwing open all public roads, streets, wells tanks, etc., such oppression is being caused by the Brahmans of the village ;